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and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims:

~~Please cancel claim 54 without prejudice to applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the claim in a future divisional or continuation application.~~

Please amend claim 47 under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b) by deleting the bracketed word or words and inserting the underlined word or words as follows:

*Sub E2*  
*D1*  
--47. (Amended) A method for inhibiting inflammation in a subject which comprises administering to the subject a compound [capable of interfering] that interferes with the interaction between extracellular novel RAGE binding (EN-RAGE) peptide and receptor for advanced glycation endproduct (RAGE) in the subject thereby inhibiting inflammation in the subject.--

REMARKS

Claims 10-69 were pending in the subject application. Applicants have hereinabove canceled claim 54 without prejudice. Applicants have hereinabove amended claim 47. Support for the amendment to claim 47 may be found, *inter alia*, in the specification at page 33, line 35 to page 34, line 8. Applicants maintain that the amendment raises no issue of new matter.

The Examiner acknowledged applicants' submission of the revised Sequence Listing and the computer readable form in Paper No. 12